



## ***Our mission is to provide children with...***

- a love of learning
  - a pride in achievement
  - a respect for themselves and others
- ...in a safe and happy environment*

Ph: 4932 8477 Fax: 4932 4475 Email: [telarah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:telarah-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Online: [www.telarah-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.telarah-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### **Every Student, Every School**

From the beginning of next term there will be significant changes to how we support students with disabilities at our school. The largest changes are in relation to the funding support program and our staffing entitlement to support students and teachers in classrooms. Parents of affected students will be contacted by the school in the next couple of weeks to discuss the changes and what it means for them in their classrooms in the future.

Currently we have a Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA) staffing allocation of 0.9 of a full time teacher under the new system we will have 2.2 full time teachers. These positions are now called Learning and Support Teachers (LAST). Their role is a little broader than STLA although the names are very similar. Mrs Carratt is our current STLA and will transition to one of the new positions and we will be engaging more teachers to fill the vacant positions. Under the new system our overall resources to support students in classrooms are greatly increased but we will need to do some work to shift the way we think and work to make the most of this opportunity.

### **Pre School Fees**

Recently invoices for the cost of attending the pre school have been sent home. If you are having financial difficulty paying the fees please contact the school to make an appointment to discuss. It may be appropriate for you to apply for an exemption from all or part of the cost of attending. Our and the NSW Government's commitment is for no students to miss out on a pre school education due to the new funding policy.

Tony Gadd  
Principal

### **School Disco**

On Wednesday 6 June we will be having our P&C School Disco. Preschool – Year 2 disco will be from 4.30 – 6.00pm and Year 3-6 disco will be from 6.00 – 7.30pm. Entry to the disco is \$2 per student. Children will be able to purchase drinks, flashies and chips from the canteen.

### **RSPCA Out Of Uniform**

A big thank you to all our students for supporting our out of uniform day last Friday. We were able to raise \$279.80 which will be donated to the RSPCA. A representative from the RSPCA visited yesterday with a 6 week old puppy named Clive. The money raised is sufficient to feed a dog in care of the RSPCA for over 5 weeks.

### **Snaketails**

Our performance this term is the reptile show Snaketails. This show has been given the Frater Award for school performance eight times and our children will really enjoy it. The notes have gone out and the show is \$6 per child or \$12 per family. The performance is on Wednesday 30 May and there will be four performances. If you have any questions or are concerned about the cost please come and see us.

### **Thank You Highway Ford**

We would like to thank Highway Ford for their generous donation of \$300 to our school. This donation is from their Mates In Action program where \$100 from every car sold is donated to a local school or charity of the customer's choice. Thank you to those families that are supporting our school and remember to support these businesses that support our school.

## **2012 Calendar**

<b>Wednesday 30 May</b>	<b>Snaketails</b>
<b>Wednesday 6 June</b>	<b>School Disco</b>
<b>Saturday 23 June</b>	<b>Bunnings BBQ</b>
<b>Tuesday 26 – 29 June</b>	<b>Year 5 Camp</b>
<b>Friday 29 June</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>Monday 16 July</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 July</b>	<b>Students Return Term 3</b>

### Preschool Community Walk Excursion

On Monday 14 May and Friday 18 May the Preschool had an excursion around the Telarah Community. We left the Preschool and walked around the boundary of the school along George St, Lismore Ave and Raymond St. We were familiar with this boundary from inside the school grounds.

This time we walked to IGA and Reid's Butchers where we bought some bread and sauce and sausages. We then walked up South St to the Fire Station. The fire officers spoke to us about fire safety and showed us around the station. We got to sit in the fire truck too. We came back to Preschool and our families read to us while the sausages cooked. After our sausage sizzle our families went home.

Thanks to our fire officers who welcomed us into our local fire station. Two of our dads, Ross and John were part of the team who instructed us on the day. We would like to thank our wonderful families for their great support. We had lots of family helpers who assisted in walking us safely along the streets.

Thanks to the Preschool children for being safe walkers and good listeners on our first excursion.

We would also like to thank our Preschool parents for their wonderful support in donating over \$100 towards The Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea.



### Boys Hockey Team

The boys played an action packed 2<sup>nd</sup> round game against Ashtonfield PS on Monday 28 May. Telarah saw a lot of the attacking play but unfortunately Ashtonfield scored a run away goal late in the first half. The second half continued as the first with Telarah having most of the attacking play but the boys just couldn't get past the Ashtonfield defence. With thirty seconds remaining, Connor was finally able to score off a penalty corner

which put the game into extra time. Five minutes into extra time Ashtonfield scored off a penalty corner giving them a 2-1 win.

All the team played brilliantly for their first game of hockey, many showing good skills and team work for new players. Great work boys. Players – Tyson, Kaeleen, Travis, Billy, Nick, Connor, Corey, Colby, William Stone, Josh Olive and Brayden Bice. Thank you to Kevin, Nicole and Amanda for assisting with transport and all the other parents who came and supported the boys.

### Girls Hockey

The girls hockey team played an experienced Paterson School on Monday 28 May. The Telarah girls team played very well for their first time on a hockey field. Sophie, Paxton and Makayla did a brilliant job in the back line and saved many attempts at goals. Megan was an outstanding player for the team. Lisa, Samantha, Sharnie, Alicas, Ashley, Jessica, Jessica and Jenna all played well and showed great team work.

Thank you to Mrs French, Amanda, Karen, Vicki, Carrina and Paul for assisting with transport.

### Preschool 2013

Expression of interest forms are now available for children wanting to attend our preschool in 2013. Parents are able to collect an application form from the preschool or the front office of the school. Please note your child must turn 4 years of age prior to 31 July 2013 to be eligible for a place. Please return completed expression of interest as soon as possible. Places will be offered by 21 September 2012.

### Kindergarten 2013

We are now taking names for Kindergarten 2013. If you have a child or know of a child who will be attending our school next year, please contact the school and leave your details with our office staff.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn

All families have now received a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Card. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you get one sticker. Once your chart is full it can be returned to the office. Please see the office if you would like more sticker cards for family and friends. Thank you for your support.

### Bunnings BBQ

On Saturday 23 June our school will be holding a Bunnings BBQ. If you are able to donate any time to help out on the day, even if it is just for one hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please return the tear off slip attached to the newsletter if you are able to help.

### Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2013

If you would like your child to apply for this class, please complete the expression of interest and return to the office as soon as possible. Parents are able to apply online or can request a printed application form.

### Year 5 Camp

Students in Year 5 will be attending the Aussie Bush Camp from Tuesday 26 June to Friday 29 June. The total cost for the camp is \$291.50 which covers transport to and from the camp as well as all meals and cabin accommodation. Parents are able to make payments at the office. If you have any questions regarding the arrangements or payment for the camp please see Mrs Keith or Mr Gadd.

### Facebook

The school has a Facebook page that we will be posting updates, news and events on. If you wish to receive these please search for Telarah Public School and "Like" us! The up to date authentic page is the one with the green school logo.

### Notes / Newsletters Emailed to Parents

Parents are also able to have copies of newsletters and notes emailed. If you would like to take advantage of this please contact the office.

### Eftpos

We now have an Eftpos machine at the school office which can be used for paying school excursions, fees etc. Please note that we are not able to give any cash out when using the Eftpos machine. A minimum of \$20 must be paid when using Eftpos.

### Headlice

Remember Monday night is Nit Night where we ask parents to please check their child's hair and treat if necessary.

### Hunter Connect

Supporting families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders



Invites you to our June Meetings (now at 3 locations!)

### Rest and be Happy!

Guest Speakers:

**Kathy Morrison-Holt, Program Manager Leapfrog Ability**  
**Jill Searle, Commonwealth Respite & Care Link Centre**

Respite care is not a luxury, it is a necessity for both the caregiver and your special needs child. What caregivers often don't realize is that they do themselves and those in their care more harm than good by not taking time off. Kathy and Jill will share how to access respite support if you have a special needs child.

**7pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at**

Generation City Church Coffee Lounge, 85 Tudor St, Hamilton

**7pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at**

Medowie Baptist Community Church Training Centre, 6 Waropara Rd, Medowie

**7pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at**

Maitland Baptist Church, 81-85 Weblands St, Rutherford

Refreshments will be served

RSVP to:

Medowie Meeting: [rachael@hunterconnect.org.au](mailto:rachael@hunterconnect.org.au) or 0403 886384

Hamilton Meeting: [lisa\\_glen@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lisa_glen@optusnet.com.au) or 0412 712815

Maitland Meeting: [megan@hunterconnect.org.au](mailto:megan@hunterconnect.org.au) or 0404 460597

**On-site Child care available by appointment.**

When requesting childcare, please include children's names/ages and any special needs.

Thank you to our major supporters:



#### Notes:

1. All Hunter Connect meetings are free unless otherwise specified.
2. Speakers may change without notice after issue of this invitation
3. The MBCC training centre is a white building in the bottom right side of the church car park.
4. Entry to the Generation City Church coffee lounge is via Murray Street entrance.

Like us on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/HunterConnectFamilies>

Donate to the Hunter Connect Appeal: <http://www.givenow.com.au/hunterconnect>

Hunter Connect Families Inc. is a registered charity  
PO Box 9, Medowie NSW 2318  
Tel: 0414 456572 Fax: 0249828105 E: [info@hunterconnect.org.au](mailto:info@hunterconnect.org.au) W: [www.hunterconnect.org.au](http://www.hunterconnect.org.au)

**Remember our P&C  
Disco on Wednesday 6  
June.**

**Preschool – Year 2  
4.30 – 6.00pm**

**Year 3 – 6  
6.00 – 7.30pm**

**Entry is \$2 per student**



Tenambit fresh fruit

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

RECEIVE  
**10% OFF!**



Simply show this coupon to receive your 10% off store wide!

Valid from Monday 28th May to Saturday 16th June.

**Sally & Patrick's**  
handpicked fruit & veg

*Taste the freshness*

sallynpatricks.com.au ph 02 4930 0490  
Tenambit Shops, Maize St.

**P&C Dates to Remember**

6 June	School Disco
12 June	P&C Meeting
17 July	P&C Meeting
14 August	School Disco
14 August	P&C Meeting
31 August	Fathers Day Stall
11 September	P&C Meeting
9 October	P&C Meeting
6 November	School Disco
13 November	P&C Meeting
11 December	P&C Meeting
12 February 2013	P&C AGM Meeting

Please note that all P&C Meetings are held at 7.00pm in the old library.



Nutrition Snippet  
Lunch Box – 5 Food Groups

Nutrition is important for children at school, a well packed lunch box will provide your child with the energy they need to learn and play. When packing your child's lunch box remember to include items from the 5 food groups:

**Breads and cereals:** Try a variety of wholemeal bread, wraps and pita. You may like to include pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.

**Fruit:** Should be a regular lunchbox item as its high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways, try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly.

**Vegies:** Pack carrot and celery sticks with humus or salsa, cherry tomatoes or even a veggie slice (try a 'Ham & Veggie Slice' at [www.gofor2and5.com.au](http://www.gofor2and5.com.au)).

**Low Fat Dairy:** Cheese sticks, yoghurts and custards are all great lunchbox items.

**Lean Protein:** Try a variety of sandwich fillings: ham, cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein, but are a great source of fibre too.

For more information about the Eat It To Beat It Program please visit [www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit](http://www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit) or phone 4923 0710.

**Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 23 June 2012.**

Yes I can help at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 23 June.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_